

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A message delivery system having a client system acquiring a delivery message from a server unit by requesting to transmit the delivery message in the server unit in compliance with a notification which the server unit transmits to the client system on the server unit's own initiative,

wherein the client system includes: a received message storing portion which stores a delivery message information received from the server unit; and an instruction and message acquisition requesting portion which informs the server unit of a succeeding message acquiring request, if a succeeding message is present, and a process instructing request for the delivery message whose reception is completed when reception of the delivery message from the server unit is completed; and

wherein the server unit includes: a delivery message storing portion which stores the delivery message to be transmitted to the client system; and a message processing portion which transmits a succeeding message stored in the delivery message storing ~~means~~ portion to the client system in compliance with a request from the client system and then processes the delivery message whose reception is completed.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The message delivery system according to claim 1, wherein by instructing to delete from the delivery message storing portion of the server unit as the process for the delivery message whose reception is completed, the message processing portion deletes the delivery message, which is informed by the client system and whose

reception is completed, from the delivery message storing portion in compliance with an instruction from the client system.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The message delivery system according to claim 2, wherein the server unit holds the delivery message stored in the delivery message storing portion until its deletion is instructed by the client system, and then transmits the same delivery message once again when it receives an acquiring request from the client system.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The message delivery system according to claim 1, wherein the server unit further includes a processed message storing portion which stores the messages delivered to the client system and wherein, by instructing to move from the delivery message storing portion of the server unit as the process for the delivery message whose reception is completed, the message processing portion moves the delivery message, which is informed by the client system and whose reception is completed, from the delivery message storing portion to the processed message storing portion in compliance with an instruction from the client system.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The message delivery system according to claim 4, wherein the server unit holds the delivery message stored in the delivery message storing portion until its movement is instructed by the client system, and then transmits the same delivery message once again when it receives an acquiring request from the client system.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A message delivery system according to claim 1, further comprising a message instruction requesting portion which informs the server unit of

only a process instruction request for the delivery message whose reception is completed when there is no succeeding message.